IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Qingsheng Zhu et al.	Examiner: Eric Frank Winakur
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
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In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 1, 2006 to December 1, 2006.